

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 696

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By Ms. Balser of Newton, petition of Ruth B. Balser and others  
relative to distribution and use of criminal offender record information.  
The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Ruth B. Balser                      Dianne Wilkerson  
Byron Rushing

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     Section 172 of chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby  
2     amended by inserting after the first paragraph a new paragraph as  
3     follows:—  
4     Agencies, other entities or persons granted access under  
5     clause (c) of the first sentence of the first paragraph of this section  
6     and housing authorities, as provided in the third sentence of the  
7     third paragraph of section 168, shall receive criminal offender  
8     record information limited to conviction and case pending infor-  
9     mation. Any such agency, housing authority, entity or person  
10    receiving a criminal offender record information report and, as a  
11    result, is inclined to make an adverse decision as to the individual  
12    who is the subject of the report, shall, before making the decision,  
13    give the individual a photocopy of the report and afford him an  
14    opportunity, in a private discussion, to dispute the accuracy or rel-  
15    evance of the report, after which the agency, housing authority,  
16    entity or person shall consider all the information before making a  
17    final decision.